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Lady Grizzlies Open Basketball
Season this Weekend

The University of Montana women's basketball team opens its 1980 season this weekend with games against two Frontier Conference schools. The Lady Grizzlies will play Carroll College Friday night at 5:45 and the College of Great Falls Saturday night at 8:00. The Friday night game will be the preliminary to the men's game between UM and Western Washington.

Coach Robin Selvig says both teams will provide good competition. He said Carroll has a good inside game with two former Class AA all-staters. They are forward Elena Ross of Havre and center Wendy Sears of Great Falls. Last year, the Lady Grizzlies defeated Carroll 66-40.

The College of Great Falls also boasts a strong inside game and has a fine pair of guards in Sarah Habel and Pam Shirley. UM beat CGF 46-33 last year.

The two games kick off what will be the toughest schedule in the Lady Grizzlies' history. Selvig hopes the team can improve on last year's 19-10 record and second place finish in the Mountain Division of the Northwest Women's Basketball League.

"We're definitely ready. Its' difficult to progress any further without a ballgame," he said.

Probable starters for this weekend include senior Jill Greenfield at center and senior Sandy Selvig and sophomore Janet Ruetten at forwards. Selvig will choose from senior Annette Whitaker, sophomore Juli Eckmann and freshman Cheri Bratt for his starting guards.

The team will have little chance to rest following the two weekend games.

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On Monday morning, they will leave for Utah for games against Weber State
Tuesday night and Utah State Wednesday night.

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